## Climate Change and Human Health Literature Portal



## Offline: The future for Africa

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#### Abstract:

This much we already knew: "Human interference with the climate system is occurring, and climate change poses risks for human and natural systems." There is almost a sense of weariness now about this message from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Few people are surprised, let alone shocked, by global warming or climate instability. The era of fear and anxiety, after the damage caused by "Climategate", is over. The IPCC itself is more cautious and emollient in the public language it uses. In the words of one newspaper commentator, "The [latest] IPCC report takes us from alarmism to adaptation." This blunting of our collective message of concern, stepping away from what have been seen as scaremongering signals of urgency and looming crisis, is a serious mistake. One region of the world is living on the edge of catastrophe: Africa.

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### **Resource Description**

#### Communication: M

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

A focus of content

#### Communication Audience: M

audience to whom the resource is directed

Policymaker

### Exposure: M

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

**Unspecified Exposure** 

#### Geographic Feature: M

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

### Geographic Location: M

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resource focuses on specific location

Non-United States

Non-United States: Africa

Health Impact: M

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

General Health Impact

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

Population of Concern: A focus of content

Population of Concern: M

populations at particular risk or vulnerability to climate change impacts

Children, Low Socioeconomic Status

Resource Type: **™** 

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

Timescale: **™** 

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified